

lived in disobedience to God's holy will. The fact of this coming judgment should be a powerful incentive to the forsaking of sin. While this is not the highest motive that should lead men to forsake evil and serve the Lord yet it seems to be the only thing that will bring men to repentance.

#### To Make You Think

1. What has Christ done for us? 2. Can we become like Christ? 3. What is to be the Christian's attitude toward evil doings? 4. What occasions surprise to worldly people? 5. Is there reason for believing that the end is nigh? 6. What three reasons are given as to why we should cease from sin? 7. What supreme grace is commended? 8. What does Paul call this grace? Col. 3:14. 9. How does charity cover a multitude of sins?

#### Thoughts For Young People

##### *The Past, the Present, and the Future*

1. *The Past.* Peter in writing to Gentile Christians paints a loathsome picture of the "time past of their lives." They had been no worse than most of those who lived in that day, but the list of their vices given in verse 3 is too abominable. Thank God, most of us have no such black record to face! For most of us, life began in a Christian home. Nevertheless from very early years we did wrong and were conscious of condemnation; and though no such overt sins as those described in our lesson are on our record, nevertheless until we give our hearts to God we live "in the flesh," and not "according to the will of God."

2. *The Present.* Peter gives very timely instruction (in the last two verses of our lesson) for present behavior. Young Christians to-day need the virtues of sobriety and of watchfulness, the practice of prayer and of love as greatly as did the primitive Christians. Let us, too, be of sound mind, self-restrained, not intoxicated with worldly cares or pleasures, discreet. Let us be prayerful, morning, noon, and night, full of prayer for all our associates and for all we can help. Let us be loving, with an affection that goes over all boundaries, and includes the low as well as the high, the poor as much as the well-to-do, the uncouth as much as the lovable, the sinner as really as the saint.

3. *The Future.* Peter directs our glance to the universal day of judgment. When it will come we know not. Under what conditions the human race will be judged we know little. But we know that "every one of us shall give account of himself." We know that the Judge of all the earth will do right. We know that if we have taken advantage of the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ we may, even now, triumphantly join in the hymn:

"Bold shall I stand in thy great day,  
For who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am,  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame."

Ambition is the heaviest weight or the swiftest wings.

## The Mission Field

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### OUR WASHINGTON CITY LETTER

"Our reputation is not for sale. We need that to do business with."

A reliable business firm of Chicago uses these words. I am so glad that the Brethren church is rallying to the support of her institutions.

That means that our reputation is not for sale; we need it to carry on the Lord's work.

Our reputation depends upon the way in which we conduct our business.

If we deal unjustly and dishonestly it is bound to effect our reputation, and therefore, our business.

Then in order to spiritual success we must deal fairly and honestly with God, and we can not do this and at the same time withhold anything that belongs to Him. This binds us to support, as far as we are able, every enterprise of the church. To fail to support the cause of missions means the loss of reputation, which means the loss of power and influence.

The same is true with reference to Ashland University. We are so glad to see such encouraging reports each week in the EVANGELIST showing that the time is not far distant when our College will be free of debt and our missions no longer hampered for lack of funds.

All this means a better reputation, greater power, stronger influence, and mightier work for God.

I believe that the missionary is in a good position to judge correctly concerning the real spiritual condition of the church. Some of us have been feeling the pulse of the brotherhood for quite a while and we do know that her general condition is decidedly better of late. But there is still great room for improvement.

#### EXAMPLES FOR IMITATION

Last Sunday morning before the regular service, one faithful brother, and supporter of the mission said to me, I'm going to double the amount of my regular Sabbath offering today; I have been greatly blessed financially during the past month, and (adding with a smile,) perhaps it will help you to preach."

Well, friends, I confess to you all, it did have a very salutary effect upon me. Perhaps some more of you wouldn't mind to try the same experiment, if so, press right to the front and make your wants known.

Example No. 2 is that of a sister of limited means—one of our little band here—who gave a special offering of \$5 to the Washington mission, and \$5 to the foreign fund which was forwarded to Brother Cassel at once.

A brother minister living in Virginia, is example No. 3. He encloses a five dollar bill for the mission and inquires about the names of those who gave pledges at the Virginia conference and have not yet redeemed them; says they surely are not members of any of his congregations, and if they are, he will surely get after them "etc."

But I must close for the present. Would like to write more but time forbids.

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## Our Bible School

### STUDIES IN JOEL

#### Number 2

#### OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

1. Title.—1:1
2. *The Day of Jehovah and Impending Judgment.*—1:2; 2:27
  - A. The First Warning Cry.—1:2-20.
    1. Occasion, Locust plague. 2. Utter Devastation. 3. Ruinous Drought. 4. Call to Repentance.
  - B. The Second Warning Cry.—2:1-17.
    1. The speedy coming of the Day of Jehovah. 2. Portended by a second Locust Devastation. 3. Above all Jehovah's thunder-voice heard. 4. Jehovah's Oracle. 5. Call to Repentance. 6. Prophet turns Intercessor.
  - C. Jehovah's Gracious Promise.—2:18-27.
    1. The Assembly and Repentance. 2. Consequent Rich Blessings promised. 3. Jehovah vindicated with his people.
3. *Jehovah's Coming Triumph*—2:28; 3:21
  - A. The Outpouring of the Spirit.—3:28-32.
    1. Effect of the Outpouring. 2. Signs of Coming Judgment. 3. Deliverance by a personal confession.
  - B. Culmination of the Day of Jehovah in a Judgement of all Nations.—3:1-16a.
    1. The Place of Judgment. 2. The gathering Nations. (Heaping up wrath.) 3. The Day Nigh.
  - C. Peace and Glory of Saved Judah.—3:16b-21.
    1. Jehovah as a Refuge.